

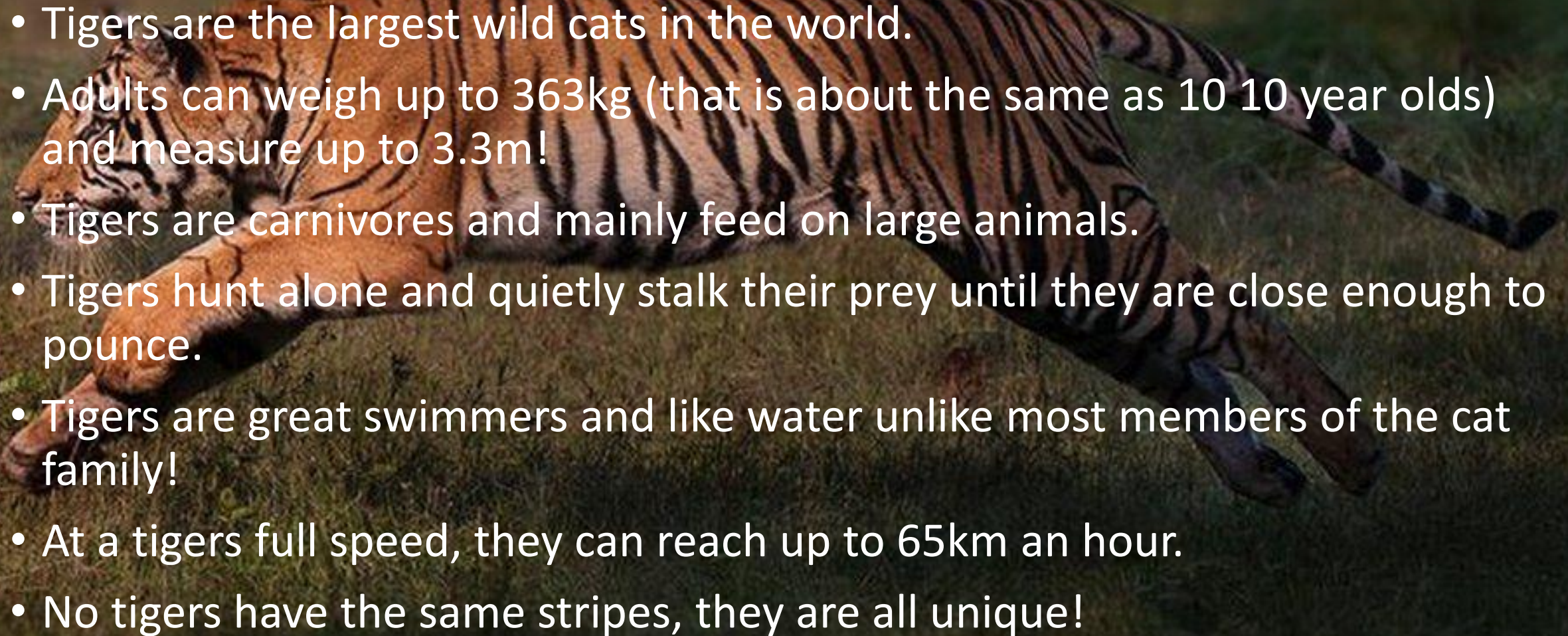
A tiger with orange fur and black stripes is standing in a field of tall, dry grass. The tiger is looking towards the left of the frame. The background is a dense thicket of trees and foliage, slightly out of focus. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

Endangered Animals

Tigers

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Tiger Facts

- Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world.
 - Adults can weigh up to 363kg (that is about the same as 10 10 year olds) and measure up to 3.3m!
 - Tigers are carnivores and mainly feed on large animals.
 - Tigers hunt alone and quietly stalk their prey until they are close enough to pounce.
 - Tigers are great swimmers and like water unlike most members of the cat family!
 - At a tigers full speed, they can reach up to 65km an hour.
 - No tigers have the same stripes, they are all unique!
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- A tiger with orange fur and black stripes is walking across a grassy field. The tiger is facing left and its tail is slightly curved. The background is a soft-focus green field.

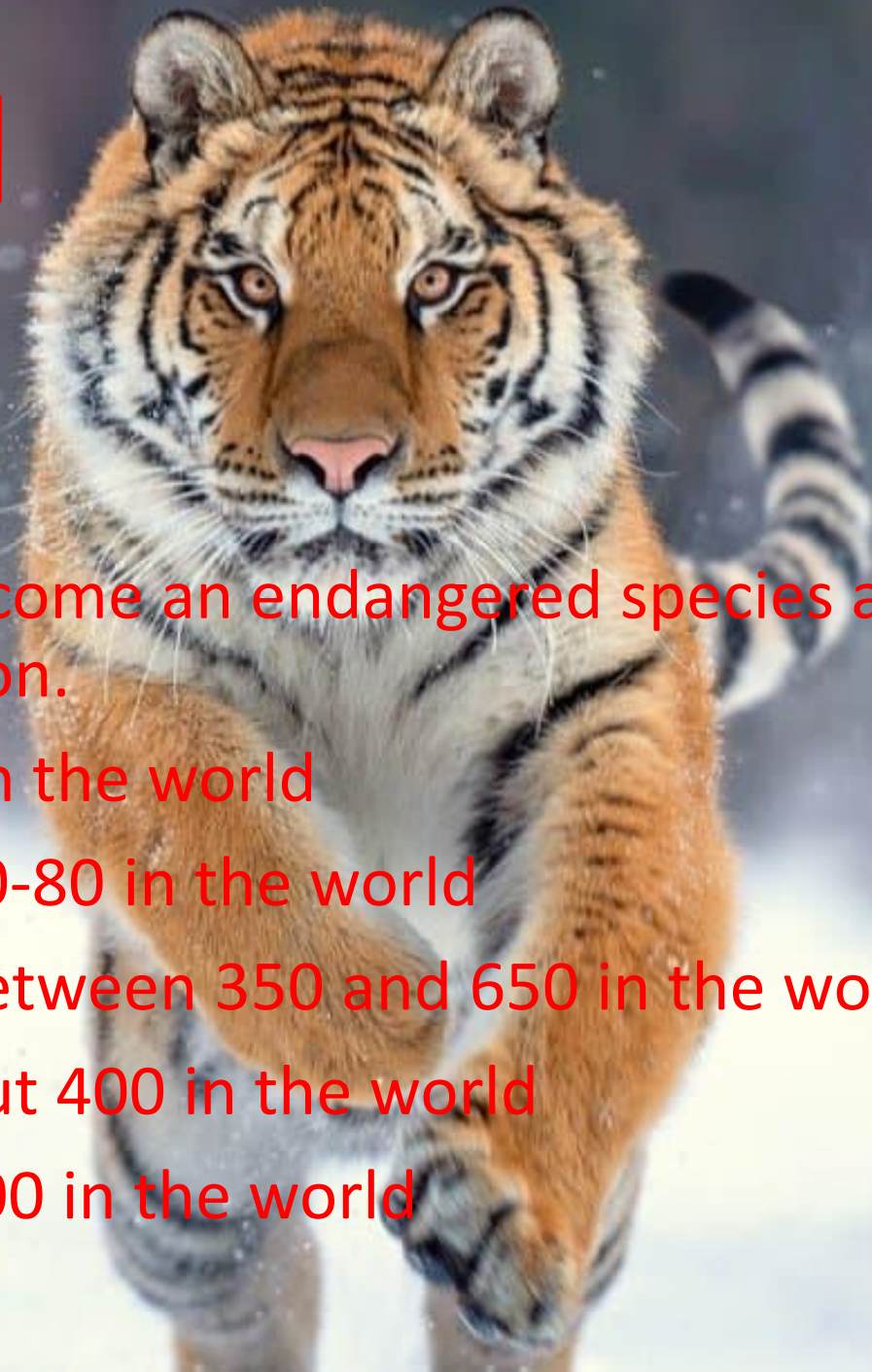
Types of Tiger

A close-up photograph of a tiger lying on the ground, roaring with its mouth wide open. The tiger's fur is orange with black stripes, and its eyes are yellow. The background is a sandy, outdoor environment.

Today there are 5 subspecies of tiger: Bengal tiger, South China tiger, Indochinese tiger, Sumatran tiger and Amur tiger. Sadly there are 3 subspecies of tiger that have already become extinct – the Caspian, Bali and Javan.

Endangered Species

- Sadly, Tigers have become an endangered species and their populations are at risk of extinction.
- Bengal tiger= 2,500 in the world
- South China tiger= 30-80 in the world
- Indochinese tiger= between 350 and 650 in the world
- Sumatran tiger= about 400 in the world
- Amur tiger= about 500 in the world



A tiger with orange fur and black stripes is walking towards the camera in a lush green forest. The tiger is the central focus of the image, with its head and front legs clearly visible. The background is filled with various green plants and trees, creating a natural habitat setting.

Why are Tigers endangered?

- Some people hunt them for fun.
- Humans sometimes kill tigers if they come too close to their homes.
- Tigers can be killed by poachers so they can sell their skin, meat and bones.
- Tiger habitats have been destroyed by humans to build houses and roads.

That is why tigers are endangered.

How are Tigers being protected?

- Local police are fighting against poachers.
- Governments are protecting tiger habitats by stopping people cutting down trees and building in forests.
- Charities are stopping people buying and selling tiger skins and meat.